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SUBJECT: LUNCHEON WITH FOREIGN MINISTER BORGONOVO

FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS FOR AMBASSADOR

1. AT MY INVITATION, FOREIGN MINISTER BORGONOVO HAD LUNCH IN NEW YORK SEPTEMBER 24 WITH LAZAR AND ME. PRINCIPAL TOPICS DISCUSSED WERE: GUATEMALA/BELIZE, U.S./EL SALVADOR TEXTILE AGREEMENT, KOREAN RESOLUTIONS, AND AQUINO CANDIDACY.

2. TEXTILES - BORGONOVO TOLD US HE DIDN'T SEE ANY MAJOR DIFFICULTIES IN THE UPCOMING CONSULTATIONS. HE POINTED OUT PROBLEM HE WAS HAVING IN GETTING THE SALVADORAN TEXTILE CONSTITUENCY TO ACCEPT U.S. POSITION THAT SALVADORAN IMPORTS SERIOUSLY DISRUPT OUR MARKET. HE SOUNDED US OUT ON SUBMITTING MATTER TO GENEVA FOR ARBITRATION. I TOLD HIM THAT I WOULD HAVE TO REFER THIS QUESTION TO OUR OWN TEXTILE PEOPLE AND GET BACK TO HIM. COMMENT: UNDER CONFIDENTIAL

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ARTICLE III OF MULTI-FIBER AGREEMENT (MFA), ANY MEMBER

MAY BRING OUTSTANDING TEXTILE ISSUES BEFORE TEXTILE SURVEILLANCE BODY (TSB) IN GENEVA AT ANY TIME. REQUEST FOR TSB REVIEW MAY TAKE PLACE EITHER IN EVENT THAT MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT IS NOT REACHED IN CONSULTATIONS, OR

PRIOR TO CONSULTATIONS. WHILE WE SEE BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER AS BEST COURSE FOR RESOLVING OUTSTANDING US/GOES TEXTILE ISSUES, WE RECOGNIZE GOES RIGHT UNDER MFA TO REFER MATTER TO TSB AND WOULD, OF COURSE, GO ALONG WITH IT. FYI: IN MOST RECENT ARTICLE III CASE SUBMITTED TO TSB, INVOLVING A DISPUTE BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND A FAR EASTERN COUNTRY, TSB RECOMMENDED RETURNING THE ISSUES TO THE TWO PARTIES FOR FURTHER CONSULTATIONS. U.S. ARTICLE III ACTION AGAINST HAITI IS SCHEDULED FOR TSB REVIEW IN EARLY OCTOBER AND WE ANTICIPATE SIMILAR RECOMMENDATION. END FYI.

3. BORGONOVO ASKED IF WE COULD HELP EL SALVADOR GET A HEAD COUNT ON VARIOUS CANDIDATES IN THE RACE FOR FAO DIRECTOR GENERAL. HE WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN ANY INDICATIONS WE COULD GET FROM THE UNCOMMITTED AFRICAN AND ASIAN COUNTRIES. I TOLD HIM WE WOULD SEE WHETHER WE COULDN'T BE HELPFUL ON THIS ISSUE.

4. MEMCON BEING POUCHED. KISSINGER

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